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Whoever has a good work to do, must let the Devil's tongue run as it pleases.

LUTHER.

PATRIOTIC HARRISBURG

THE patriotism of the American people is being manifested in many ways, but there is nothing that has given more substantial expression of their devotion to the ideals of the nation than the earnest effort of all classes to help in the financing of the war.

The Harrisburg Clearing House Association is handling the subscriptions to the bonds without charge and all the local banks and financial institutions are in this way co-operating for a prompt absorption of the first big loan.

England had her experience in raising money for the conflict and the difficulties overcome by the British empire suggested to our own financiers the methods which will make easier the important work of providing funds for the prosecution of the struggle.

The Chamber of Commerce of this city has already adopted certain recommendations for the guidance of the national organization which will in turn aid Congress and the administration at Washington in determining the best plan for putting in force and effect the financial resources of the country.

It is the purpose of the United States to place a large part of the burden by direct taxation. Large loans will follow, of course, but the policy of those at the head of the nation is to avoid so far as possible a continuing burden which would be vexatious in the readjustment period following the war.

It has been pointed out by long-headed business men and financiers that the pay-as-you-go plan represented by direct taxation is safer than the loan system employed by Germany. Our chief enemy has already practically exhausted her loan capacity and is about to suffer from the burdens of interest which must be paid on the billions of marks she has already borrowed.

Under the plan suggested by our own government, it is proposed to issue about seven billions through bonds and two billions additional would be raised by taxation. Just how to distribute these taxes is the present concern of Congress.

It is proposed to tax heavily luxuries and amusements and the things which cannot be classed as necessities. Also, excess profits and those best able to support unusual burdens will be expected to contribute largely to the public purse.

While much attention is being given to the raising of revenues and there is certain to be more or less uncertainty growing out of the effects of these revenue measures, it must not be forgotten that the circulation of billions of dollars in the purchase of supplies and the activities of business will serve to maintain prosperous conditions throughout the country. During the last week there has been a perceptible change of attitude on the part of manufacturers and industrial leaders generally. Instead of timidity there is evidence everywhere of vigorous prosecution of business activities of every sort. We are organizing armies, but are also organizing our industries and upon every hand there is a desire to help to the extent of the ability of every man, woman and child.

We must face whatever is ahead with courage and with a determination each one to do his or her part. This is no time for slackers or pessimists, but is a time for individual courage and unselfish support of the government at home and in the field wherever our duty calls.

Notwithstanding the suspected opposition of the army staff and certain political interests, the people of the United States believe that Colonel Roosevelt should be encouraged rather than opposed in his desire to lead a corps of American fighters in France. He is SOME fighter.

COLORED PATRIOTS

THE colored citizens of the United States are going to take their part in the present great struggle just as they have always done in every crisis of the nation. For the purpose of ascertaining what part the colored men of Delaware will play in the present war a conference was held by Governor Townsend with several of the most distinguished colored men of his State. It was decided that the colored population should form a State committee and an organization was effected.

When we think of the Spanish-American war, with the heroes of the Tenth Cavalry and other regiments, the Philippine campaign, the Mexican expedition and other crucial chapters of the nation, we must realize how loyal and brave and patriotic our colored citizens have always been. In their civic activities and wherever they have been given half a chance the colored people have made good in a way that has enriched the annals of the country.

And so it will be in the present great struggle. They will do their part bravely and modestly and with a devotion to duty that knows neither failure nor weakness.

THE SCHOOL ARCHITECT

WHATEVER may have been the previous interpretation of their attitude in the matter of selecting an architect for the extensive school building program in this city, several members of the school board stand revealed to-day as officials having no appreciation of real public sentiment and indifference to the interests of the people.

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many, should Germany prove victorious in the present war. But Germany will not win this conflict even with Russia out of it, and whose peace is finally restored it is to be imagined that the Germans would look with greedy eyes toward Russia, a land rich and helpless and without a friend in the world, for it is not likely that the allies would take up the cudgels in behalf of a people who threw them over in the midst of their present struggle for existence. Certainly, we in America would not.

All manner of possibilities lie in the wake of a failure of the government. The end may be the ruination of the whole country. With anarchy rampant, murder, pillage and famine abroad in the land and no power sufficient to curb the turbulent forces and bring order out of chaos, Russia would present a problem in government the like of which the world has never seen. If the Russians are wise they will do as a majority of the people of Petrograd appear to have done—rally loyally to the support of the provisional government and work such changes as they desire from within instead of from without.

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KELLY—TRYING TO STICK A TIGHTWAD



BEWARE OF MISGUIDED THRIFT IS WARNING OF S. W. STRAUS

ONE of the greatest dangers that confronts us at this moment is misguided thrift. It declares a statement issued to-day by S. W. Straus, president of the American Society for Thrift.

"In our efforts to show patriotic economy, we find ourselves going to extremes in the opposite direction, which is just as great a menace as wastefulness and extravagance," said he. "One of the worst calamities that could befall our nation at any time would be to stop the wheels of industry, but more especially NOW."

"The point is to differentiate between destructive and constructive thrift. In times of peace, waste is reprehensible, but indiscriminate tight-fistedness is worse, because in such conditions the provisions are made to suffer with the improvident."

"Because the whole nation suddenly has become conscious of the necessity of thrift, we as individuals should take care not to deflect from their normal courses the tides of the nation's money that turn the wheels of industry. America as a nation is not in any danger of running short of money, but we are threatened with a food shortage because of our failure to take the responsibility of feeding our allies."

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The George Washington, German and the Marika Washington, Austrian, are among the interned ships seized by the United States. That August or may now comprehend what they flaked by discarding the original German's warning against "entangling alliances abroad."—New York Sun.

Der Tag had a dawn. It must have been a Brooklyn Eagle.

Hang up the fiddle and the bow; take down the shovel and the hoe.—Indianapolis Star.

Wouldn't Billy Sunday make a grand chaplain for Roosevelt's division?—New York Morning Telegraph.

The Hindenburg line, as Central might say, is busy.—Boston Transcript.

It is a wise bride who knows whether it's Cupid or conscription.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

May Da in Germany may have passed off like a picnic; but why so much secrecy?—New York World.

Once again are the majority of our citizens shouting the battle cry of freedom for every one of us do what he can to make it unanimous!—Dry Goods Economist.

The Food Hog (A Ballad With a Moral) The Hog to his butler said, one day, "Replenish the larder while you may, Nor heed what food controllers say."

"Man is an animal, plainly meant To eat and drink to his heart's content; Forswearing 'meatless days'—and Lent."

"With barons of beef, and saddles of lamb, Shoulders of mutton and chicken and ham, Every corner and crevice cram."

"As food grows less, buy more and more, Depleting the stocks of stall and store; Then bolt and bar the larder door."

The Hog took no account of right or wrong, but felt a fierce delight in gratifying his appetite.

Wherever he walked about the town, His jaws were moving up and down, Munching sandwiches, white or brown.

At length the family doctor said, "In a week or so you will be dead, And the burial service will be read."

And sure enough, on the seventh day, The soul of the Food Hog passed away, And left behind its sty of clay.

The sexton said, when his work was done, As he mused on his spade in the setting sun, "The Hog is the kinsman of the Hun."

And this was the epitaph each might read, Of the man whose death was a boon indeed To his country in her hour of need:

EPITAPH "Good patriots all, there lies beneath A Hog unworthy of a wreath. Who dug his own grave with his teeth."—Clyde Foster in Answers, London.

By BRIGGS



OUR DAILY LAUGH

Charles M. Schwab says:— Nothing is more fatal to success than taking one's job as a matter of course. If more persons would get so enthused over their day's work that some one would have to remind them to go out to lunch, there would be more happiness in the world and less digestion. If you must be a glutton, be a glutton for work. A trained ear can do tremendous business in the obnoxious line. Sometimes it listens so intently for the foot of the quitting whistle that it quite loses the sense of spoken orders.

WHAT AILS JONES. "What is the matter with Jones?" "If he takes a vacation, they wonder how he can afford to; and if he doesn't they wonder if his accounts are straight."

HIS RESOLVE. "Now they say our food influences our moods." "I'll quit eating bluefish."

ONE OF THE OTHER. Mr. B.—Do you think you'll be able to keep up with your neighbors? Mrs. E.—If we can't, my dear we'll move.

A NATURAL MISTAKE. Duck—Hey, I didn't know hobble skirts had come back in style again.

FERRIBLY CROWDED. 1st Microbe.—They're going to make paper money smaller. 2nd Microbe.—Where live you?—In there, it's over a crowded now!

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